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Google Doodle of Mrinalini Sarabhai on her 100th Birth Anniversary - GK Notes in PDF!

Google India is paying tribute to an Indian classical dancer Mrinalini Sarabhai Today. Google is celebrating her 100th birth anniversary. Mrinalini Sarabhai is also a recipient of Padma Shree & Padma Bhushan. A Google Doodle has been created to honour this versatile personality on 11th May 2018. Google often releases creative illustrations of various personalities or events in a gif or an interactive animation, which are known as 'Google Doodles', to pay them homage. These Google Doodles are designed by the various talented and upcoming artists. Keeping a knowledge of some of the Google Doodles will help you in the preparation of General Awareness & General Knowledge section for various Government exams like IBPS Clerk, SSC CHSL, SSC CGL, etc. So here's all you need to know about Mrinalini Sarabhai to score on your exam!

Mrinalini Sarabhai - An Introduction

Mrinalini Sarabhai was born in Kerala on **May 11, 1918**, to S Swaminathan and A V Ammakutty. She began her training to be a dancer at a very young age studying both the South Indian classical dance form of Bharatanatyam and the classical dance-drama of Kathakali. Let us learn more about Today's Google Doodle on Mrinalini Sarabhai, illustrated by **Sudeepti Tucker**.

Personal Life of Mrinalini Sarabhai

- Mrinalini Sarabhai is fondly known as Amma.
- She was trained in Bharatnatyam, Kathakali and Mohiniyattom, Mrinalini Sarabhai was educated at Shantiniketan under Rabindranath Tagore.





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- Her father was a lawyer at the Madras High Court while her mother was a social worker.
- She was married to the architect of India's space programme, Dr Vikram Sarabhai.
- Her son Kartikeya and daughter Mallika followed her footsteps to become dancers and theatre artists.
- In 1942, Mrinalini married notable physicist Vikram Sarabhai who is considered to be the Father of the Indian Space Program.

Mrinalini Sarabhai - Career Journey

- Mrinalini Sarabhai, started learning dance forms during her stay in Switzerland where, she received her first lessons in the Dalcroze school, a Western technique of dance movements.
- She realised her true calling when she moved to Shantiniketan where she educated herself under the guidance of Rabindranath Tagore.
- She also went on to choreograph more than three hundred dance dramas.
- She founded the Darpana Academy of Performing Arts in Ahmedabad in 1948, an institute that trains in dance, drama, music, and puppetry. She's reportedly trained over 18,000 students in Bharatnatyam and Kathakali.

Mrinalini Sarabhai - Miscellaneous

- Apart from being a classical dancer, she was also a poet, writer and environmentalist who played a leading role in the social and art scene in Ahmedabad.
- She was inspired to choreograph more than three hundred dance dramas with a strong base of classical tradition behind them.



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